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News from All Sections of Eastern Pennsylvania

Agree on Plan To Halt Coal Bootlegging

Greater Tonnage Allocations for Mines Absorbing Free Lancers Proposed

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14. (AP)—Anthracite operators and the United Mine Workers, wrestling with the free lance mining problem, agreed tentatively today on a plan providing for additional tonnage allocations to certain operators who would relieve employes now free lancing.

W. W. Inglis of the Glen Alden Coal Co. announced after a meeting of the Committee of Twelve, representing the mines and the industry, that a conference with Governor James of Pennsylvania had been arranged whereby Inglis and the operators themselves had no specific plan to submit to the Governor.

The tentative plan, understood to have been discussed a year ago by the union, has three angles.

1. Under the state's tonnage allocation program, additional tonnage would be offered to operators to absorb free lancers.

2. Former employes of the legitimate collieries now working in the so-called "boring" holes would be absorbed as rapidly as practicable and additional collieries and breasts would be opened if necessary.

3. The state would enter an agreement with the state and federal government to provide unemployment compensation or its equivalent for free lance miners not absorbed in legitimate mining, it was learned.

Thomas D. Nicholls Haddon, principal union officer at the conference, said "we believe if the operators and the union and the State cooperate we can divert that trade into proper channels. There is no question that the free lance mining must go.

Inglis said free lance mining endangered the tonnage allocation program because "we are working two and three days a week and they the free lancers are working six days." The conference meeting was held at the request of the operators and Inglis said it would take the place of the regular September meeting.

Besides Inglis, the operator representatives present included S. B. Thompson, Lehigh Navigation Coal Sales Co.; J. B. Warriner, Lehigh Coal and Navigation Co.; H. J. Connolly, Pennsylvania Coal Co.; C. J. Gartner, Jeddo-Highland Coal Co.; and Thomas D. Nicholls Haddon.

Besides Kennedy, the union was represented by Hubert J. Farrell, Hugh V. Brown, and Mart P. Berman, of Districts 1, 7 and 9. John Boyjak, secretary of the Anthracite Conciliation board, also attended.

Monroe Milk Producers May Market Products Through Own Channels

The suit of a group of members of the Monroe County Milk Producers Association, seeking an injunction to enjoin payments allegedly due as the difference between prices actually paid and those fixed by law, has been tentatively scheduled for arguments on Aug. 26 in Monroe county court, Stroudsburg, it was learned today.

Meanwhile, the organization is contemplating the marketing of its milk through one of its members equipped to handle it, but definite arrangements have not yet been made, it was learned. The association's milk handling plant as soon as a good market for its products is found and has raised a considerable sum toward financing this project.

New York Attorney's Funeral This Morning

Funeral services will be held at 11 a. m. today at the Kisor Funeral home, Stroudsburg, for Harry Decker, New York attorney who spent parts of his summers at Stroudsburg, and who died Tuesday.

Mr. Decker, who entered the practice of law at Leavenworth, Kansas, then returned to New York, was 78 years old. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ellen Shafer Decker, both natives of Stroudsburg, who later lived at Jersey City.

Mr. Decker leaves his wife, Mrs. N. K. Decker, a stepdaughter, Margaret Phillips, of Atlantic City and several cousins. Grace Palmer and Mrs. M. R. Stansbury of Stroudsburg are cousins.

The Rev. Thomas Brownlow of Grace Methodist church will conduct the funeral services today. Interment is to be at the Stroudsburg cemetery.

Palmerton R. 1 Couple Observes Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Acker of Palmerton R. 1, former residents of Parrish, observed their 23rd wedding anniversary Sunday.

Mrs. Acker is the former Laura Rose, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Rose of Parrish. Mr. Acker is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Acker of Jamestown.

They are the parents of the following children: Russell Acker, Lena Hillegas, Ralph Acker, Ralph Acker, Herbert, Arthur, Robert, Irene and Harry, Jr., all at home. They also have one granddaughter, Betty Acker of Weissport. Mr. Acker is employed at the sand quarry at Hasketh.

Two Workers Injured On Tamaqua Road Job

Two workers employed by the D. A. Kessler Construction Co. on the Hommelstown-Tamaqua highway were injured yesterday morning. Joseph Krakina, 35, Christ avenue, Coaldale, sustained a fractured wrist when his left arm was struck by a drill on the boom of a power shovel. Peter Walter, Frackville, crushed the tip of his left thumb when it became caught between a rope and a block.

Both were taken to the office of Dr. Harry W. Baily, W. Broad St., Tamaqua.

Harold Davis Purchases Weir Lake Road Property

Harold Davis and family of Gilbert have purchased the property on the Weir Lake road, a short distance from the Gilbert school, here and will occupy the large house on the property in the very near future.

The property, besides the house and the old creamery, contains one smaller building, suitable for a workshop, and about three acres of land, part of which includes a pond of considerable size.

Mr. Davis is the vocational agriculture instructor in the high schools of Polk and Chestnuthill townships, and active in the affairs of the Monroe County Milk Producers Cooperative Assn.

Three Generations on First Flight

It was a belated birthday present for Mrs. Ella Benninoff, 824 N. Penn St., who was 77 years old May 17, when she took a flight over Allentown and Bethlehem yesterday from the Allentown-Bethlehem airport. However, Mrs. Benninoff, leaver left, was not the only one thrilled. The trip was equally enjoyed by Mrs. Earle Grim, 617 N. Jaeger St., right, and her daughter, Doris Mae Grim, 12. It was also their first aerial jaunt. Mrs. Grim, wife of Police Officer Earle Grim, is Mrs. Benninoff's daughter.

To Hold Inquest Tomorrow Night In Kissner Death

Robert Rohlfing, Second Man in Barroom Tussle, Released on Bail

An inquest into the death of Gordon Kissner, 47, of Hauto, will be held at 7:30 p. m. Friday, it was announced last night by Harry L. Dell, Carbon county coroner, who will conduct the inquest, by Edward McGinley, Nesquehoning chief of police.

Robert Rohlfing of Hauto, who was held in the Carbon county jail since Tuesday afternoon in default of $1,000 bail, was released yesterday afternoon when bail was furnished by Mrs. Annie Weikmer, Mauch Chunk hotel keeper, and Joseph Kemmerer, justice of the Peace Herbert Norwood of Nesquehoning, was approved by District Attorney Albert H. Heimbach.

Alex P. Allen, Carbon county detective, charged Rohlfing with involuntary manslaughter growing out of the fatal beating of Kissner, whom Michael Zaborsky Jr. Hauto Monday night at the hearing before Justice of the Peace Norwood Tuesday.

The men had engaged in a tussle in the taproom. Rohlfing said he struck Kissner twice after Kissner attempted to "sock" him with a bottle. Kissner fell to the bar, then dropped dead. An autopsy disclosed that Kissner died of cerebral hemorrhages.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p. m. today from Kissner's home at 260 Yard St. Rev. Andrew C. Kuhns will officiate. Interment in Church Upper Mauch Chunk, will officiate. Interment will be made in the G.A.R. cemetery, Summit Hill.

Coroner Sues To Have Wife Named Deputy

Bachman Gets Writ Ordering Salary Board to Show Cause Why Salary Is Not Set

Dr. D. F. Bachman, Northampton county coroner, Wednesday brought mandamus proceedings against the Northampton county salary board to have his wife named his deputy, Eva Bachman, his wife.

Judge Frank P. McClusky granted the writ and ordered the salary board to set the deputy's salary immediately or show cause why no salary should be set or why the office needed no deputy.

Dr. Bachman named as defendants County Controller Asher Kichline and Commissioner E. Albert Beyer. Norman A. Frei and John Sandt, all members of the salary board.

In his suit he held that under the law he is entitled to name a deputy and that he wants his wife for the post.

At four separate meetings, he contended, the salary board has refused to act on the matter, he declared.

Dr. Bachman has repeatedly asked that a salary of $60 a month be set for his wife.

Answering the cries of nepotism that have followed the appointment, Dr. Bachman contends that because of the small salary attached to the office because his office is maintained in his home, he is unable to afford outside help.

The Commissioners have insisted that all elected officials maintain offices and that the salaries of their deputies from the fee of the respective offices. Should the earnings be less than the combined salaries, the difference is to be made up from the salary of the office holder.

Pottsville Girl Wed to Eastonian

Alma A. Clay Bride of Burrill A. Porter in Pottsville Church

Alma A. Clay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Clay, Pottsville, and Burrill A. Porter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Porter, 1425 Butler St., Easton, were married in Trinity Lutheran church, Pottsville, Wednesday morning.

The Rev. Ethel Weber, pastor, performed the ceremony. The bride was attended by her sister Mrs. Ralph Kinser Pottsville, as matron of honor, and by Mrs. Ralph Dell Eastin, sister of the bridegroom, and Catherine Moore, Mt. Clair, as bridesmaids.

Best man was Charles Artz, Pottsville. Ralph Dell Eastin and Ralph Kinser ushered.

A reception and luncheon at the Yocho-Allen hotel, Pottsville, followed the ceremony.

The couple will reside in Harrisburg, where Mr. Porter is employed in the highway department testing laboratory, after Oct. 1.

Mrs. Porter is a graduate of Pottsville High school and the Kutztown State Teachers college. She has been teaching in the Pottsville schools.

Mr. Porter was graduated from Easton High school and Lafayette college.

L. V. Hairdressers Assn. Holds Picnic

More than 90 members and friends of the Lehigh Valley Hairdressers Assn. enjoyed a picnic and outing Wednesday afternoon and night at Lehigh Parkway.

The association decided to hold its annual clambake Monday, Sept. 9. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, Sept. 16, in the F. O. E. hall, Bethlehem.

Arrangements for the picnic were in charge of the following committee: chairman, Marie Mirsicher, Henri Ragot, treasurer; Mrs. Nora Young, secretary; Flora Jacoby, Alma Cormeyer, president, and Laura E. Ragot.

Rasely Reunion Saturday

The 31st annual reunion of the Rasely family will be held Saturday at Breitinger's grove, along the Bangor-Belfast highway, near Bilelmach. The committee in charge of arrangements has charge of the program to start at 2 p. m.

Letter Carriers Convention Plans Are Completed

National Assn. and Auxiliary Sessions Sept. 1 to 3 in Bethlehem

Bethlehem Branch No. 214 National Assn. of Letter Carriers, and its auxiliary have completed plans for the convention session on Sept. 1, 2 and 3 in Bethlehem.

Guest speakers will be Ramsey S. Black, third assistant postmaster general of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Minnie Keller of Reading, national president of the auxiliary, and Mrs. Rose Edmundson, national organizer for Pennsylvania. Mrs. Kistler will represent the national officers at the convention.

Registration will be started Sunday, Sept. 1, at the Hotel Bethlehem from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. and from 7 p. m. to 9 p. m. A tour of the historic sites will be taken on a scenic tour of Bethlehem and vicinity, concluding with a picnic.

A get-together meeting of mail carriers will be held Sept. 1 at 8 p. m. in the main ballroom of the Hotel Bethlehem. The auxiliary will have a similar meeting at 8 p. m. in the main dining room.

On Monday, Sept. 2, the preliminary opening of the carriers' convention will be held in the main ballroom of the hotel. At 10 a. m. Ramsey S. Black of Washington, D. C., third assistant postmaster general, will address the convention.

James Lanigan of Pittston, State president, will preside.

The auxiliary session will be held simultaneously at 1:30 p. m. in the Hotel Bethlehem. The banquet and entertainment for men and women will be held at 6:30 p. m. at the hotel. The following officers will be present: Mrs. Minnie Keller of Flint, Mich., national secretary of the auxiliary, and Mrs. Rose Edmundson, national organizer for Pennsylvania, will be the speakers at 10 a. m. Monday, Sept. 2.

Officers of the Bethlehem branch are Otto G. George, president and convention committee chairman; Ralph Brong, vice president; Gordon Harding, secretary; Reginald Mata, treasurer; Frank Hoffman, financial secretary and Frank M. Saylor, sergeant-at-arms.

Auxiliary officers are Mrs. Hattie Jacoby, president; Mrs. Harry Cassen, vice president; Mrs. Ralph Brong, secretary; Mrs. Otto George, financial secretary; Mrs. Ella Bachman, treasurer, and Mrs. Herbert Wismer, mistress-at-arms.

A joint meeting of the committees will be held Monday, Aug. 26, at the Hotel Bethlehem. An open meeting for members of the two organizations will be held Friday, Aug. 30, at the hotel.

Bethlehem branch delegates and alternates to the convention are President Otto George, Reginald Mata and Ralph Brong. Alternates are Frank Marsh and Raymond Frey.

Auxiliary delegates are: Mrs. Hattie Jacoby, Mrs. Carrie Cassens, Mrs. Helen Brong, Mrs. Nettie George, Mrs. Ella McDade and Mrs. Minnie Hoben. The alternates are Mrs. Mary Kemmerer, Mrs. Ella Bachman, Mrs. Lee Mertz, Mrs. Margaret Thomas, McLaurine, Mrs. Marion Still and Mrs. Ellen Benner.

NYA Officials Offer Plans to Enlarge Shops

Expansion Program May Include Development of Skilled Metal Workers

Suggestions and plans for enlargement of the NYA shops in Districts 1 and 2 of Eastern Pennsylvania, and instruction with the national defense program were offered at a round table conference held yesterday in the NYA office in Lansford with the NYA officials of these districts.

Present at the conference of the Lansford NYA shops, the officials heard the plans for the expansion program. They were interested in the plans for the shops in the Lehigh Valley since they are located in this district.

The afternoon session dealt specifically with enlargement of the shops and the addition of new trades. Plans on a small scale for the expansion, to enable the students to step into better jobs when they finish their assignment and in private industry.

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Look for Passers Of Two Bad Checks

Easton police sent out telegraphic messages Wednesday describing names of two bad checks used to defraud Easton business houses.

A confidence traveler's check for $50 was cashed by a clean store on Northampton street, Aug. 8th, but Wednesday night the store manager said the check was presented to the bank by mail, man with a small moustache, polished nails and well dressed.

The check was drawn on the Exchange National bank, New York City, and signed by Fred Shaw, but the man who gave the name of Fred Shaw was said to possess a number of similar checks.

The second fraud was a forged sight draft for $18 presented Tuesday night at another Northampton St. store, by a man who gave the name of Irving Shaw for $4.50 draw. The check bore the name of J. A. Bows.

Palmerton Boy Returned Home

Clarence Schlenner Found 10 Miles from Spot Where He'd Been Picking Berries

Palmerton police yesterday completely dismissed and discontinued investigation of the story the Clarence Schlenner, 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Schlenner, 838 Edgemont avenue, Palmerton, had been spirited away by a stranger and then transported 10 miles from the spot where he was last seen by his father had been picking berries at noon on Tuesday.

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Around the Keystone State

MONTROSE, Aug. 14. (AP)—As a penalty for carrying a loaded rifle in his automobile in violation of the state game laws, Judge Edward P. Little fined Russell Sill, court attaches reported today.

Sill, twenty-year-old Forest City youth, was wounded in the accidental discharge of the rifle, which he said he had loaned to Game Warden William Benton.

YORK, Aug. 14. (AP)—Two-year-old Kenneth Gohn, 18, rolled down a six-foot embankment and into a creek that run today and drowned in two feet of water. A companion, who saw the fall ran for help. Gohn was dead when relatives arrived.

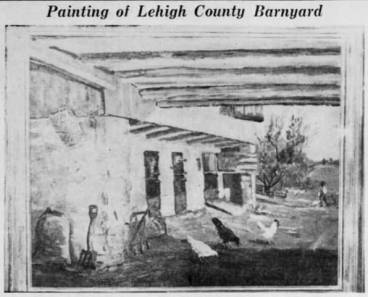
SAYRE, Aug. 14. (AP)—The Sayre school board of education met here today they would be expected to resign if they marry.

The board therefore amended the state's teachers' tenure law prevents enforcement of the request, but pointed out that a resolution adopted last night would have "a more effect" on keeping married women from the teaching role.

WAYNESBURG, Aug. 14. (AP)—Doctoring a sick horse put 41-year-old William Phillips in a hospital today. The Kirkhaven farmer was trying to help the horse to its feet when it fell on him, pinning him to the floor. He is in a serious condition from stone and use of blood caused by the broken bone protruding through the flesh.

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 14. (AP)—Charles Jones, 7, of Kane and today the board of Allegheny county com-

Painting of Lehigh County Barnyard



One of the features of the current exhibition at the Allentown Art Museum which opened last night is the interesting barnyard scene painted by Jeanne Clute of Nazareth. It displays a typical Lehigh county barnyard from an unusual angle and with interesting treatment of lights and shadows.

Probe Started In Mine Blast

Survivor Describes Escape from Pit in Which 63 Men Lost Lives

POTTAGE, Pa., Aug. 14. (AP)—Edward Bem, one of 21 survivors of the Pittston mine explosion which killed 63 of July 10, told the coroner's jury today he had been forced to crawl on all fours because a mouth prior to the explosion that cost 63 lives.

Testifying at an inquest conducted by Coroner Patrick McDermott, of Wilkes-Barre, Bem said he and others were warned not to enter the section of the north slope where the gas was discovered.

Telling a graphic story of his escape from the black-damp mine, Bem said he and several co-workers slowly made their way to the bottom of the pit by fanning their way with their feet along a trolley wire that had been knocked down by the explosion. The current in the wire was turned off after the explosion.

William Gene, mine fire boss, read from company records a notice that explosive gas had been found in the 17 right entry on June 17. He said workmen were not permitted to enter the mine until the gas had been removed.

Leslie L. Steele, a state fireman, told the jury yesterday he believed a fall of rock liberated gas and that this gas caused the explosion, the worst in the Pennsylvania bituminous coal fields in a decade.

Couple to Mark Golden Jubilee

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ackerman, Bethlehem, Married Aug. 16, 1890

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Ackerman, 1121 Linden street, Bethlehem, will observe their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married Aug. 16, 1890, by the First Moravian church, South side.

Mr. Ackerman, a retired Bethlehem Steel Co. employe, was born Nov. 29, 1867, in Bethlehem, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Ackerman. He will be 73 Nov. 29.

Mrs. Ackerman was born May 18, 1870, Port Discovery, Wales, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bennett Williams. Her father was a commissioned officer in the English mercantile marine.

The couple are members of the Moravian church. They have one child, Gerard Mercedes Ackermann, at home.

6 Children Born at St. Luke's

Six children were born Tuesday in St. Luke's hospital, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hackenbush, 1 Cherokee St., Bethlehem, and a son each to Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Frable, 1 Conyngham St., Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hess, 1031 Broadway, Fountain Hill; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hoffman, 1 Cherokee St., Bethlehem; Mr. and Mrs. William Wentz, 626 15th Ave., and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bachman, 1 Cherokee St., Bethlehem.

Couple Schools to Get $60,211 from State

Payments of $1,854,478.79 to second and third class school districts in 51 of the 67 counties were authorized yesterday by Auditor General Warren R. Roberts.

Carbon county will receive $60,211.49 as follows: Lansford, $7,678.60; Lehighton, $6,846.42; Mauch Chunk School District, $12,482.12; Summit Hill, $13,760.64.

Schuylkill county will receive $222,864.24, including $17,811.11 for Coaldale and $12,634.77 for Tamaqua.

Monroe county's share totals $17,227.90, $8,152.90 to East Stroudsburg and $9,075 to Stroudsburg.

Too Contrite

Holdup Man Returning Stolen Money in Installments Is Nabbed

The conscientious bandit who robbed the attendant at the United Service station at Cape Horn, Schuylkill county, of $11 early yesterday morning, then returned the sum in two installments was apprehended at 10 o'clock last night by officers of the Pottsville detail, Blaze Major Police.

He proved to be James Kosma, 19-year-old Cape Horn youth, who told police he had been drinking and "didn't know why I did it."

Shortly after midnight, a masked bandit held up Henry Bitz at the Cape Horn station and fled with $11 which he stashed from the place, however, he gave back $2.50.

At noon yesterday the "kind hearted robber" left an envelope containing $9 and a note similar to a Pottsville news stand, telephoning Bitz where he could find the money. Bitz rushed endorsed he was keeping the other $2 to go to a doctor because he feared he was going deaf.

At 8:45 o'clock last night he made a call at the station and told Bitz he was the person who had been found in the station, left the money, then left hurriedly in a c r. The attendant took the license number of the vehicle and notified police. Officers located the youth at his home.

Kosma was lodged in the Schuylkill county prison at Pottsville last night, charged with robbery. Police said he probably will be given a hearing on that charge today. This was his first offense, police said.

Allentown Band Concert Tonight

The third Allentown band concert of the season to be presented at West Park under the sponsorship of the Allentown Band Civic society will take place tonight at 8:15 o'clock.

Two soloists will be featured on the program, including Elizabeth Garretson, soprano; Earl F. Heater, cornet, and Berthold Warren, Edgar Arndt and Joseph Karner, flutists.

Miss Garretson will appear with the band during the past winter at a Sunday afternoon concert in the College theatre. She will sing "I Take Romance," from the film of the same name, and "One Song," from Walt Disney's "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs."

Earl F. Heater, cornet soloist, will play "The Tower of Jewels," by Yoder, and the flute trio will offer Bellstedt's "Three Blind Mice."

Other numbers on the program are the overture to "Raymond," by Thomas; "La Traviata," by Verdi; "A Southern Wedding," by Leister; Grieshaw's "Andrea Chenier;" "I'm Getting Sentimental Over You," by Bassman and Yoder, and "March Slav," by Tschaikowsky. The program will close with "God Bless America."

Thomas Hoag, Tamaqua, Spanish War Veteran, Dies at Philadelphia

Thomas T. Hoag, 62, of 248 Brown St., Tamaqua, died yesterday morning in the U. S. Naval hospital, Philadelphia, where he had been confined ten days. He had been ill for more than two years.

A native of Summit Hill, he had been a resident of Tamaqua for 40 years. He served in the army during the Spanish-American war. He was a member of the Methodist church and the Capt. George B. Kline Camp, No. 1, Union Veterans' Legion, where the services will be conducted. Clark, and Mrs. Elizabeth Hoag Schmidt, all of Tamaqua, one brother, James, Summit Hill, and two sisters, Mrs. Mathilda Hoag Tamaqua, and Mrs. William Hontz, Summit Hill. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hoag.

A private funeral will be held at 2 p. m. Friday at the E. Frank Griffiths funeral home, 455 E. Broad St., Rev. W. E. Miller, pastor of the Methodist church, will officiate. Members of the Capt. George B. Kline Camp, U.S.W.V. Interment will be made in the Belmont Circle in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

Too Discuss Sweet Corn At Cherry Valley Farm

J. M. Buffington, vegetable specialist of the Penn State college extension department, will discuss sweet corn at a field day meeting Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock on the farm of Oscar Hench, Cherry Valley.

Buffington will center about an experimental plot on which Mr. Hench has grown five varieties of sweet corn, it was announced.

Marie S. Wehr Is Bride Of Harry Frantz, Ashfield

Marie S. Wehr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wehr, Ashfield, and Harry D. Frantz of Ashfield were married quietly Saturday morning, it was revealed yesterday.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. W. Moyer in the parsonage of the Mahoning Reformed parish. The couple was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Frantz, brother of the bridegroom.

The bride is employed by Edward Diehl of Lehighton R. 2.

Steel Worker Injured

Andrew Handik, 1112 2nd Ave., Hellertown, received a crushed thumb and fracture of the first finger of the left hand in an accident at the Bethlehem Steel plant in the morning hours. He was taken to St. Luke's hospital for treatment.

Employed as a mould man at the No. 3 open hearth, Handik was injured when his hand was squeezed between a chain hook and side of a mould.

Name Chas. Kent Field Executive For Boy Scouts

Lansford Rotarians Meet With Scouters Boards at Camp Greenwood

The executive board of Appalachian Trail council, Boy Scouts of America, the Fort Franklin district committee and the Lansford district committee met in conference and dinner session at Camp Greenwood last night.

Charles Kent of Hamburg, a graduate of Oberlin college who has completed a two weeks course of the Boy Scouts of America, was named field executive to serve in the Appalachian Trail area. The executive board empowered a sub-committee to choose a second executive from applicants at the training school, both to be employed and assigned by the Berkshire Scout Council.

Charles B. Williams, president of the council, presided. Reports prepared for the annual council meeting to be held in October by Herman A. Metz, Butler, with William H. Bruce, executive, and Dr. Frederick Hillegas, Charles Robert, H. S. Gilbertson, of Lansford; Harry Pobst, Mauch Chunk and Charles Gebert, Tamaqua.

Thomas Connors Dies at Mt. Alto

Former Bethlehem Cop and World War Veteran Gassed While Fighting in France

Thomas C. Connors, a World War veteran and former member of the Bethlehem city police force, residing at 238 Vine St., Bethlehem, died at 3 p. m. Wednesday at Mount Alto.

The death followed a prolonged illness brought on after Connors was gassed in the World war.

Connors was a son of the late Catherine nee Durkin and John J. Connors. For 11 years he was a member of the police force, his impaired health forcing his retirement.

He enlisted in the service in Bethlehem, Jan. 15, 1918, and was discharged at Camp Dix, July 28, 1919.

He served in France from April 6, 1918, until July 20, 1919, with Company G, 43d Infantry, 5th division.

He was a member of Bethlehem Post, No. 455, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Church of the Holy Infancy.

Three survive his wife, Margaret nee Fehr; a daughter, Mrs. Catherine F. Jahn, Williams and Joseph, all of Bethlehem; Lawrence, of Bellmawr, and Peter, of New York City; also two sisters, Mrs. George Yanos, of Peckville, Pa., and Mrs. Ellen Brennan, of Bethlehem.

Thomas Connors, Jr., a Bethlehem police officer, brought the body to Bethlehem last night.

First Defenders

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"Hizzoner Mayor Wood" went to Washington and organized a regimental battalion nicknamed for the general mayor as the 9th Lieutenant D. McGuire of Norristown.

The organized unit of the 111th Infantry marched northward with elements of the 11th infantry regiment, cut its communications and helped to disrupt communications of the 35th Infantry Brigade headquarters.

Lieutenant Colonel Frederick Todd, General Martin said of the raiding group. "It was successful in spreading of the unusual intelligence work in the area. Without fail and accurate enemy information it else would have been impossible."

This praise was a compliment also to Lieutenant Peter Kilmartin, former commander of the 111th Infantry, Major Frank Hunter, 110th Infantry, Major Kane, and Colonel Frank A. Warner, 36th Infantry at Camp Meade, Philadelphia.

A cavalry "clash" today brought the 104th cavalry, 28th division of the Pennsylvania National Guard, the 56th Regiment, composed of guardsmen from Harrisburg and other Southeastern Pennsylvania.

General Martin pointed out that the exercise involved itself into a one shot movement at the end," said Lieutenant Colonel C. Ivens Tyrrell, chief of staff of the 28nd Division. "Its purpose was to test the ability of movements directed at the elder's right flank."

In criticism of the brigade exercises, General Martin said:

"Tasks were not set in such enough. Information of the 109th Infantry Regiment was too long. Through no fault of the regiment, it marched 18.5 miles. Nevertheless, the men arrived in their positions in high spirits.

Partial tribute to the speed and energy displayed by the regiment was accompanied: "We'll soon be doing as well as the Germans." He explained that Hitler's swift infantry can travel about 30 miles a day.

Colonel Frank A. Zellers of Wilkes-Barre, drew General Martin's commendation for "its promptness in recommencing and occupying positions to support the action of the 109th Infantry."

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